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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06720.0066

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Yao-Hong TSAI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2623  
Serial No.: 09/842,048 ) Examiner: Larose, Colin M.  
Filed: April 26, 2001 )  
For: METHODS AND SYSTEM FOR ) Confirmation No.: 6515  
ILLUMINANT-COMPENSATION )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

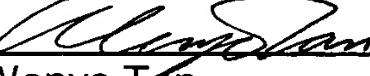
In a restriction requirement mailed January 18, 2005, the period for response to which extends through April 18, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between claims 1, 4-6, 8, 11-13, 15, 18-20, 22, 24-26, 28, 29, 34, 35, and 37-40 (Group I) and claims 41-43 (Group II). Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1, 4-6, 8, 11-13, 15, 18-20, 22, 24-26, 28, 29, 34, 35, and 37-40, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to illumination compensation/normalization of a face image.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 23, 2005

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